GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3252
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
PALM OIL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Palm Oil Development Programme (PODP) was undertaken during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated to the States during the period, State-wise;

(c) whether certain States which received central assistance under the Programme failed to achieve the targets; and

(d) if so, the names of these States and measures taken by the Government to improve the performance of these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) : Against the target of covering 80,000 ha area under oil palm during Eight Plan through implementation of Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP), an area of 33,337 ha was covered.State-wise Central share allocated for implementation of OPDP, targets fixed for area expansion under oil palm and achievement therein during Eight Plan are given at Annexure.To improve performance of different oil palm growing states in respect of area expansion under oil palm, following measures have been taken :

(i) Three seed gardens one each at Rajamudry (Andhra Pradesh), Taraka (Karnataka) and Thodupuzha (Kerala) have been set up to indigenously produce oil palm seeds required for area expansion. One more seed garden is being set up at Eluru (Andhra Pradesh) with the UNDP assistance.

(ii) To strengthen processing facilities four demonstration processing units for oil palm are being set up one each in the states of Gujarat, Goa, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

(iii) Subsidy to farmers for purchase of planting material and cultivation inputs has been enhanced during Ninth Plan. Besides, subsidy to farmers has been introduced for installation of diesel pump sets and bringing wasteland under oil palm.

(iv) To regulate production and processing of oil palm, Oil Palm Act has been enacted in major oil palm growing states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Goa.

(v) Training facilities for farmers and staff involved in implementation of Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) have been created at national Research Center for Oil Palm, Pedavegi in Andhra Pradesh.

ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3252 FOR ANSWER II LOK SABHA ON
State-wise allocation of central share, targets for area expansion under Oil Palm and achievements therein during Eight Plan.

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Central share allocated (Rs. in Lakhs)	Targets for area under area Expansion(in ha)	Achievements (in ha)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,082.08	47,000	18,888
2.	Karnataka	2,291.26	18,000	6,431
3.	Tamil Nadu	865.47	8,000	6,105

4. Gujarat	432.43	3,100	300	
5. Orissa	57.91	1,700	893	
6. Goa	106.40	1,000	624	
7 Tripura	104.04	500	86	
8. Assam	64.81	400	10	
9. West Bengal	0.00	300	0	
10. Kerala	17.43	0	0	
Total:	9,021.83	80,000	33,337	